

# Hunting and Trapping

## Emergency Order

Alaska Department  
of Fish and Game

Under the Authority of AS 16.05.060

**Emergency Order No.** 04-05-20

**Issued at:** Glennallen, Alaska  
July 21, 2020

**Effective Date:** 12:00 a.m.  
Saturday, August 1, 2020

**Expiration Date:** 11:59 p.m.  
June 30, 2021 unless  
superseded by subsequent  
emergency order.

### EXPLANATION:

This emergency order changes the bag limit for all state subsistence Nelchina caribou hunts in Game Management Unit 13 (i.e., RC561, RC562, and CC001) to one either sex caribou. The bag limits for DC485 and YC495 remain unchanged as one caribou. The bag limit for DC475 remains unchanged as one bull.

### REGULATION:

Therefore, the provisions of **5AAC 85.025 (a)(8)(B), Hunting Seasons and Bag Limits for Caribou**, are superseded by this emergency order, and the following provisions are effective:

<b>Units and Bag Limits</b>	<b>Resident Open Season (Subsistence and General Hunts)</b>	<b>Nonresident Open Season</b>
(8) (B)  Unit 13		
1 caribou per harvest report per regulatory year by community harvest permit only; up to 400 caribou may be taken; or	Aug. 10–Sept. 20 (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season
1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or	Aug. 10–Aug. 31 (Subsistence Hunt only) Oct. 21–March 31 (Subsistence Hunt only)	No open season

1 caribou every regulatory year by Tier I subsistence permit only; or

Sept. 1–Sept. 20  
(Subsistence Hunt only)  
Oct. 21–March 31  
(Subsistence Hunt only)

No open season

1 caribou every regulatory year by youth hunt drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued; or

Aug. 1–Aug. 5

No open season

1 caribou every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 5,000 permits may be issued;

Aug. 20–Sept. 20  
Oct. 21–March 31

No open season

1 bull every regulatory year by drawing permit; up to 200 permits may be issued when the herd is at or above population objectives;

Aug. 20–Sept. 20

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All other caribou hunting regulations remain unchanged and are not affected by this emergency order.

Doug Vincent-Lang  
Commissioner

By delegation to:




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Heidi Hatcher  
Glennallen Area Wildlife Biologist

**JUSTIFICATION:**

To maintain the population objective of 35,000–40,000 Nelchina caribou, harvest quotas are modified annually. Information collected from collared caribou during the winter and spring indicate that the herd experienced good survival and recruitment rates through the winter of 2019/2020. When the herd returned to the Nelchina Basin, calf productivity was moderate. While conditions did not occur for a census count, the herd was modeled at 44,500 caribou, which allows for a harvestable surplus that will accommodate harvest of both bulls and cows given the current number of permits issued.

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